

ITEMS ALLOWED IN RESIDENT'S PERSONAL POSSESSION OR ROOM ENVIRONMENT WHILE IN FACILITY

Certain articles are neither specifically controlled nor restricted by codes, standards or regulations and may be permitted at the discretion of the governing body and/or administrator on an individual basis. Other articles are controlled by codes, standards, and/or regulations because the presence or use of such articles has been interpreted to have an adverse effect on the health and safety of the resident. **If at any time that the governing body or administrator becomes aware of any item or article that had been previously approved and now poses as a threat to the health and safety of any resident, then management reserves the right to remove that item or article immediately and not allow this item or article in the resident room or resident possession.**

I. The following articles may be permitted in the resident's room at the discretion of the governing body and/or Administrator of the facility unless the presence or use of such articles could adversely affect the health or safety of residents. In addition, the Administrator and/or the governing body may also restrict the presence of an extraordinary number of personal belongings in a resident's room based on the fact that this would constitute a fire and/or health/safety hazard. These items are not inclusive and only represent a few of the items that may be permitted.

A. Miscellaneous:

1. Sewing machines and related equipment.
2. Sewing scissors and materials.
3. Hobby tools and equipment.
4. Personal articles – e.g., furniture, books, photographs, electric razors, TVs, radios, stereos and telephones.
5. Personal grooming, cosmetics, and toilet articles, including incased disposable razors.
6. Atomizer sprays.
7. Aerosol containers such as hair spray and body deodorants.
8. Medications when the facility interdisciplinary team has ruled that the resident can self-administer his/her own drugs. Medication must be kept in the locked area provided.

The Administrator should ensure the staff and residents are aware of the following safety concerns:

- a. Danger of ingestion, inhalation, or eye contact by spraying the contents across an open flame.
- b. Fire hazard or creation of toxic gas caused by spraying the contents in the face.
- c. Danger of explosion in the event of a fire.
- d. Fire hazard caused by improper storage and/or use of smoking paraphernalia.

B. Refrigerators:

Refrigerators may be allowed in resident bedrooms if the following conditions are met:

1. The refrigerator must have the Underwriters' Laboratories' Laboratories, Inc. Seal of Approval. The manufacturer's precautionary instructions are to be followed.
2. The interior must be kept clean and free of old and spoiled food. Proper food temperatures must be maintained and a refrigerator thermometer must be located within the refrigerator at all time.
3. The refrigerator will be utilized only by the occupant (s) of the room in which it is located.

C. Food and non-alcoholic beverages:

Foods and non-alcoholic beverages may be allowed in bedrooms if the following conditions are met:

- a. Foods must be kept in closed, airtight insect/rodent proof containers.
- b. Foods and beverages must be maintained in a manner to prevent spoilage and care must be taken to ensure that the food remains fresh and edible.

D. Fans:

Fans may be allowed if the following conditions are met:

- a. The fan must be mounted or placed in such a manner as to prevent the resident from coming in contact with the blades and to prevent the fan from toppling.

- b. The fan must be equipped with a blade guard and have the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. Seal of Approval. The manufacturer's precautionary instructions are to be followed.
 - E. Medications:
The following non-legend, commercially manufactured substances, when bearing the Manufacturer's label, may be allowed in resident rooms:
 - a. Petroleum jelly
 - b. Analgesic creams, balms, or ointments for topical application
 - c. Talcum powder
 - d. Foot powder, foot cream, or foot ointment used for comfort or odor
 - e. Olive Oil
 - f. Mouthwash used for dental hygiene and toothpaste
 - g. Medicated facial cleansing cream or cold cream
 - h. Lip balm or ointment used for dry, chapped lips
 - i. Cough drops (non-antibiotic and non-decongestant)
- II. The following articles are not permitted because they are controlled by codes, regulations, standards, or because the presence and/or use of such articles could have an adverse effect on the health and safety of the residents. In the latter instance, where these items are not addressed by regulation then the governing body and/or the administrator of each facility will use their discretion in determining if these items or articles are a threat to the health and safety of the residents and have the authority to approve their usage and/or their removal.
 - A. Medications
Legend and non-legend drugs except under conditions as noted in items I.A.8.
 - a. Liniments
 - b. Eye, ear, and nasal preparations
 - c. Any preparation or substance bearing a warning statement except those noted in it Items I.A.8.
 - B. Heating Pads
 - C. Extension Cords
 - D. Electric Blankets
 - E. Fuel burning space heaters.
 - F. Portable electric heaters
 - G. Cooking and ironing equipment, to include microwaves
 - H. Coffee and cup heating elements
 - I. Throw rugs
 - J. Razor blades and straight razors (except as permitted in I.A.5)
 - K. Chemical products:
 - a. Flammable liquids
 - b. Laundry and house cleaning products
 - L. Smoking tobacco, matches, lighters, or other smoking paraphernalia

When non-allowable items are removed from resident rooms, facility staff will notify the resident and responsible party. Items will be returned to the responsible party.